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1. At the end of December 1946, an explosion occurred in the Aue (K53) iron and steel foundry, which is reported to employ 3,000 persons on the production of armor plate. The explosion completely destroyed one blast furnace, killed six persons, and injured twenty-two others. The total damage is estimated at approximately 300,000 marks.

2. As of early January 1947, the large chemical plant, formerly called Speck, at Lubzin (Q66), north of Stettin, was producing powder and nitrocellulose. The plant did not suffer any war damage. Some 2,000 persons are employed and one company of Russian troops is undergoing special training within the factory area to prepare its personnel for supervisory positions at the plant. The area is guarded by two infantry companies and six artillery batteries. There is also a tank spare parts depot adjoining the plant and under special guard.

3. On 19 December 1946, thirty chemists from factories in Wolfen and Bitterfeld were assigned to work in the Kappen ammunition factory in or near Dessau (E17) by order of the Dessau komendatura. No exact facts are known concerning the work assigned to these men, but they are to neutralize a large stock of poison gas. The drafted chemists are living in the factory. Between 13 and 18 January 1947, 1,200 workers in surrounding communities were drafted by the Dessau Labor Exchange Office to clear the woods in a fifty meter radius around the Kappen installation. The area cleared to date is being guarded by German police, while Soviet guards are posted in the area still being worked.

Comment: A report on military production in the Russian Zone, stated that a camp near Dessau contained 11,500 tons of various gases and that, according to an order from Marshal Sokolovski to the President of the Department for Industry in the Central Administration, these stocks were to be re-processed immediately (in December).

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4. An underground munitions plant situated about two kilometers west of Anklam (U99) is scheduled to be blown up in January or February 1947 after all remaining equipment has been removed. The plant area is said to be extensive, and includes a railroad spur line enabling an entire train to be shunted underground.

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